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[PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SWAT'W.
THE British Steamer
"NANSHAN."
Captain J. Blackburn, will leave as above TO
HOLLER, the 21st inst, at DAYLIGHT
For Freight or Passage, apply to
H. P. HONG HONG,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1888. [3782]

GREEN ISLAND COMPANY, LIMITED.
A MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in
the Company will be held on SATUR-
DAY, the 2nd of March, at the Office of the
Company, 62, Queen's Road Central, at HALF-
PAST TWO O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON.
G. E. WANG,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1888. [378]

**THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in
the above Company will be held at Messrs.
WILLIAMS, MATTHEWS & Co.'s Office, on WED-
NESDAY, the 6th March, 1888, at 12 O'CLOCK
(NOON), to receive a Statement of Accounts,
and the Report of the Directors for the year
ending 31st December, 1888.

stant, to WEDNESDAY, the 21st of March, next, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1889. [378]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 3 O'CLOCK in the afternoon of WEDNESDAY, the 21st of March, 1889, for the purpose of confirming the Resolution passed at the Meeting held on that day, the 19th February, 1889.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1889. [379]

TAOZONG SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Office of the General Agents, at Pender's Street, on THURSDAY, the 7th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report from the Directors and Accounts.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
be CLOSED from the 22nd February un-
till March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1889. 1386

THE PERAK SUGAR CULTIVATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company, will be held at the SITAUOHAI CRUI-
SEMONDAY, 18th March, at 2.30 P.m.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS will be
CLOSED from the 11th to 18th March in-
clusive.

By Order of the Directors,
CHAS. J. DUDGEON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1889. 1381

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
RACE MEETING, 1889.

TODAY, TO-MORROW, & FRIDAY,
the 20th, 21st, and 22nd February.

TICKETS 15.—Admission to the Grand Stand
and Enclosure. For Members of the
Jockey Club, Free; for Non-Members, \$5 for
Admission; For Admission to New Stand \$5
for the Meeting.

TICKETS 16.—Tickets of Admission to the
Grand Stand and Enclosure to be had on appli-
cation to the Secretary.

shown to the GATE-KEEPER.
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1889. [329]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
THE STWARDS request the PLEASURE
of the PRESENCE of the LADIES
at the Grand Stand and Enclosures during the
on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd instants.
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1889. [347]

BANK HOLIDAYS.
HONGKONG RACES.
THE Undermentioned Banks will be CLOSED
for the "Transaction of Public Business
TODAY, TO-DAY, TO-MORROW, and
TODAY, the 20th, 21st, and 22nd inst.
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AU-
STRALIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AU-
STRALIA, AND CHINA.
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
THE COMPTON D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
LIMITED.
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, Hongkong.
Kowloon, 16th February, 1889. 1357
CUSTOM HOUSE,
KOWLOON, 16th February, 1889.

OFFICE is hereby given that on the 20th
21st, and 22nd instants, being RACE
S, this Office will be Opened at 9 A.M.
losed at Noon, but work at the Office
nformation Hulk and the Customs Stations
ced as usual.

F. A. MORGAN,
Commissioner of Customs for
Kowloon & District.

MAGNIVEN & CAMERON'S PENS,
SOLD EVERYWHERE.
HINDOO PEN WITH OBLIQUE POINTS,
No. 1, 2, & 3.

RECOMMENDED BY 2347 Newspapers and
received many Prize Medals. 171.

CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LIMITED,
13, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE now
working order.
Subscription \$50 per Annum.
Electrical Material for sale, or hire.
Electric Bells fitted and maintained.
Order for ELECTRIC LIGHTING.
Estimates for all kinds of Electrical work.
A. SANDFORD,

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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The PRESIDENT said that he was not quite correct. There was a small family of four children at present in the Hospital with it. He did not think the case was a serious one; they were all well. The wife of the man was amusing herself very well at the Hospital.

The ROYALIST GENERAL asked where they came from.

THE PRESIDENT.—Graham Street.

The ROYALIST GENERAL said he had received no notification of the matter.

The Board then adjourned till Wednesday, the 27th instant.

THE "PASIG" ENQUIRY.

THE FINDING.

The Marine Court convened for the purpose of making an enquiry into the complaint made to the Governor that the British steamer *Pasig* is unsafe, and unfit to proceed to sea without danger to human life, delivered its findings on the 10th inst. The Court was presided over as follows:—Captain Eugene B. N. Macdonald, Master; President; Mr. William Macgregor, Constructor, Naval Yard; and Mr. J. C. Laird, Chief Engineer, R.N. Mr. Macgregor said that he had known the *Pasig*, which was one of the original members of the Court, was not present on this occasion, leaving off the enquiry.

THE PRESIDENT.—Mr. A. B. Johnson, Vice-President; Mr. E. B. Bredon, the Governor; Mr. J. Wilson, of Messrs. Wotton & Deane, appeared on behalf of the complainants (The Hongkong, Kowloon, and Mesero Steamship Company and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Agents for the China Navigation Company, and Mr. Robinson, appeared for the owner of the *Pasig*); Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Robinson were asked to deliver its finding.

Mr. Robinson.—I may take it, then, that I am not required to give evidence. I am ready to give evidence if the Court requires it.

The President.—The Court does not require any further evidence.

Mr. Wilson.—On behalf of the complainants, the Court makes any statement at all, I ask that the decision of the Court be to be given in the decision of the whole Court.

The President.—You will find that at the end, I don't know that you have any authority for saying that. Can you give me any authority for saying that?

Mr. Wilson.—I am not prepared to quote any authority at present, but if it is not the judgment of the full Court, all the members agreeing to that judgment, I must ask you to note that.

The President.—I cannot note any "ifs." If it will give me your objection precisely I will note it.

Mr. Wilson.—Well, that one of the members of the Court has not the decision of the full Court. The President.—Have you any authority for that?

Mr. Wilson.—I have no authority at present, but my objection was noted as follows:—Mr. Wilson, on behalf of the complainants, objects at any decision that may be given by the three members of the Court present is invalid in the hands of the four members of the Court."

Mr. Robinson.—I should like to say, *et cetera*, that I am ready to tender evidence, ready to make a written deposition, and ready to make an argument. I should like to refer the Court to the evidence submitted to it, and to the findings of the Court, which I think meets the argument.

Mr. Wilson.—"The Court shall have the same answer as the Governor to order the ship to be released, and shall order the ship to be released, and the members of the Court agree in the finding for the detention of the ship, the ship shall be released." Therefore it is not necessary to make more than a majority.

The President then read the finding of the Court as follows:—

FINDING.

We find that the *Pasig*, Official No. 58,335, of Hongkong, is a screw steamer of 257 tons 45

FINDINGS

tion, and recently employed as a river steamer along Hongkong, Canton, and Macao. It appears from Lloyd's Register 1888-9 that she was built at Glasgow in 1867.

That in September 1887, and November 1888, she underwent certain repairs, after which she was granted a Passenger Certificate and River Steamer Licence by the Governor, and that in consequence of the said repairs the Government Surveyor dated 26th November 1888, that the vessel was in good condition and fit for service intended until 15th November next.

That on the 15th November last a letter was addressed to the Secretary of the Government, and to the Commanders of the Hongkong and Macao Steamship Company, Limited, and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Agents for the said vessel, in relation to the proposed carrying of passengers from Messrs. Burnin and Anderson, Messrs. Surveyors, and stating that the conclusions arrived at by the *Pasig* were strongly confirmed, and that the vessel was fit to carry passengers, cargo, and as an auxiliary, or for other purposes, requesting that an "immediate independent survey of the *Pasig* be held, coupled with an examination of Messrs. Burnin and Anderson and of the *Pasig* by the Government Surveyor."

That in a further letter dated 5th December 1888, written in reply to one received from the General Secretary in which it was stated that the vessel was in accordance with the requirements of the law with regard to the survey of the *Pasig*, having been complied with and the Government Surveyor having given the necessary sanction thereon the *Pasig* Certificate can-

ended to constitute a Board of Survey as the

on the very point in question, viz: the worthiness of the vessel." Mr. Arnold and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire writing as before the names of their respective Companies, confirmed that the *Passy* was a ship and that she was to proceed to sea without danger to human life, and again requesting that "the *Passy* be retained and a survey ordered upon her."

The Court in consequence of this viewpoint a protest was issued constituting a Marine Court which as a Court of Survey to enquire into the worthiness or otherwise of the *Passy*.

The Court has heard the evidence that the *Passy* brought before it, viz: that of Messrs. Burnie and Anderson.

The Members of the Court have also personally inspected the *Passy* both in and out of dock, and on examination found quite feasible work "gutting" the ship.

The principal defects concerning which evidence was placed before the Court were:

1.—The main deck, which is alleged to be worn out at the sides.

2.—The stowage hold, a witness stating that he could have put a man through it. Captain Burnie, however, stated in his opinion two vertical uprights were there.

3.—The main deck stringer plate, particularly Fore Peak, where Captain Anderson says it rusts east through and through. Captain says it is gutting generally, says it is "worn out."

4.—Upper deck stringer plate.

5.—The fore peak, could be, in places, "be broken with fingers."

6.—The Breasthook, said to be corroded and rotten in front. Captain Burnie said it was a new breasthook would not set in his opinion against the Fore Peak.

7.—Plating in Fore Peak "worn thin," in places "badly eaten," in others "in better shape, and in a defective condition at the ends of connections," also driven in on starboard side and could be for a distance of about 20 feet, under engine room and boiler "probably thinned." The plates on the starboard side were "corroded on both sides," and thought to be reduced about one half from their original thickness, viz:—8-10ths and 7-10ths respectively.

8.—The lower hull, appears to have eaten into them on the inside.

9.—The upper deck. The knee plate about the keel is also said to be "bumped in."

10.—Frames and reverse frames "worn out."

SUMMARY OF THE "KWANG-PAO."

11th February.

The Yellow River is said to be a leader in the Kwang-pao, and a success attained by Wu Sheng in stopping the breach and in effecting the necessary repairs is admitted by the writer to be attributable to his good luck rather than to any other cause.

A female creditor, afraid that the debtor would evade his obligations, takes upon herself to find him a suit of clothes, and a good looking man in a white shirt and trousers is seen in the streets and walks over to the creditor.

A man was about to commit suicide by jumping into deep water when he was saved by his friends. The would-be suicide, it is said, excused upon him by evil spirits.

A poor man in Macao bought a second-hand coat for his son. While about to patch up one of two holes in the coat, he was startled by a glimmering light, which turned out to be a gold watch worth twenty taels. The coat was sold for \$50 and the man has now opened a shop and is doing well.

A woman after her husband's departure for abroad gives her daughter in marriage to a man of the same name, and in 1898, but who eventually turned out to be a slave belonging to some family.

A mother's departure of the information of her son sends him to the authorities for punishment.

A complicated case is now about to go to the court. The authorities are likely to be to the cause of much ill feeling and litigation. The case is one of debt, the amount being due by a cloth shop to another cloth shop.

A young boy in Foshan lost his way and was found by a man who took him to the kindness of a shopkeeper, who took the child to his home and by dint of inquiries discovered the parents.

A gentleman taking place between a husband and his wife, the man goes the worse of it and runs into its street pursued by his infuriated brother-in-law.

15th February.

The paper of to-day opens with several items of Peking news, the most important of which are as follows:—

The Emperor's father, Prince Chun, who arrived in Peking last week, has quite recovered from the accident.

A dinner party was given in the Russian Legation on the 13th of the month on the occasion of the new year's day.

Two men were arrested for their quest by malignant spirits while sleeping quietly.

Several men were arrested for their quest by malignant spirits while sleeping quietly.

Not far from Peking a large number of ancient coins were discovered. There were about 500,000 containing specimens of coins of different reigns.

The sleepers for the Tientsin-Tank-hing railway will be purchased in Japan.

Two thieves play a practical joke on a fruit seller. One of the thieves engages the attention of the vendor while the other runs away with the fruit.

The man who killed a clothes seller with a revolver appeared before the authorities and confessed his crime. He explained that the mischief was purely accidental.

During the examinations supervised by the Chinese Government, a candidate was detected who misinterpreted themselves as natives of that district. They are now to be dealt with according to law.

The house of a deceased resident of Canton is said to be haunted by evil spirits. The house is in debt, and the authorities have directed that the debts deposited in one of the rooms and containing the remains of the man should be at once buried.

Two robberies occurred in a gambling shop. Two of the delinquents were apprehended. The culprit, Mr. Lawrence, will visit Canton shortly and all suffering from defective sight are notified of his intended arrival.

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By Freight account—Cr.	1,000,000.00
By Insurance account—Cr.	1,000,000.00
By Repairs account—Cr.	1,000,000.00
By Salaries account—Cr.	1,000,000.00
By Stationery account—Cr.	1,000,000.00
By Telephone account—Cr.	1,000,000.00
By Travelling account—Cr.	1,000,000.00
By Wages account—Cr.	1,000,000.00
By Other account—Cr.	1,000,000.00

to the annual meeting of the shareholders of the
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., to be held on
the 25th inst:—

The general managers have pleasure in placing be-